

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SYSTEM FOR INSPECTING MATT. FLAT AND/OR SLIGHTLY CURVED SURFACES

the specification of which

(check one) \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto, and is a filing under 35 USC 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/ / \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

XX was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as U.S. Serial No. 10/069,860  
under 35 USC 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/08282,  
and was amended on February 27, 2002.

¶ I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification,  
 ¶ including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56,

X and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent; and

\_\_\_\_\_ if this is a continuation-in-part application, information that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(e); and

X in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

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### Prior Foreign Application(s)

199 41 028.3  
(Number)

Germany  
(Country)

28 August 1999 (28.08.1999)  
(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Priority Claimed

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Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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